

Please add new claims 7-10 as follows:

- 7. A vulcanized rubber compound comprising precipitated silica having the following physico-chemical properties:

BET surface area:	35 to 350 m ² /g;
BET/CTAB surface area ratio	0.8 to 1.1;
pore volume, PV	1.6 to 3.4 ml/g;
silanol group density, ml of NaOH consumed in raising pH to 9	6 to 20 ml;
averaged aggregate size	250 to 1500 nm;
CTAB surface area	30 to 350 m ² /g;
DBP volume	150 to 300 ml/100 g;
V ₂ /V ₁ by Hg porosimetry	0.19 to 0.46; and
DBP/CTAB	1.2 to 3.5.

8. The vulcanized rubber compound of claim 12, wherein the DBP/CTAB ratio of said precipitated silica is 1.2 to 2.4.
9. The vulcanized rubber compound of claim 12, wherein the particle fineness of said precipitated silica is less than or equal to 11 μm.
10. The vulcanized rubber compound of claim 14, wherein the particle fineness of said precipitated silica is less than or equal to 10 μm. --